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## **Kleen Energy Plant Explosion – Update February 8, 2010**

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**Mayor Sebastian N. Giuliano reports that all persons who were assigned to the site yesterday at the time of the blast are now accounted for.**

**The Mayor goes on to report that recovery efforts have not resumed this morning at the Kleen Energy Plant located on River Road in Middletown due to the unsafe conditions of the building. The extensive area of the blast site must be rendered safe in order to continue the recovery efforts. The Major Crimes Unit is mapping the blast site and the next phase of the investigation will continue. Additionally, other hazards are currently being removed from the building and surrounding area.**

**Falling debris remains a concern on scene for investigators. Wind gusts on site are anticipated at 25+mph. Fire Officials are working with Police Investigators in the facility.**

**Middletown Police, South District Fire, Middletown Fire, assisted by State Officials have obtained a search warrant for an origin and cause investigation. Officials have indicated that they are working with the contractors involved in the project to formalize an employee list for the Police Department.**

**The City is coordinating efforts for any resident who may have experienced structural damage to their home or work locations. South Fire District shall remain as lead in this effort assisted by the Middletown Building Department. Homeowners are encouraged to contact their private insurance companies until O&G, the contractor on site can assess damages on and off the immediate location site.**

**Multiple crisis hotlines have been established. The City of Middletown is making available to victim families our employee assistance vendor, The Lexington Group. Families should identify themselves as part of the Kleen Energy explosion. The hotline**

number is 1-800-571-0197. Local Pipefitters 777 also has provided their crisis contractor for employees. Their hotline number is 1-888-545-5101. The Salvation Army will be providing a crisis counselor to be located at City Hall at DeKoven Drive on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Any worker or family member may come to the Mayor's Office to meet with a counselor.

A victim's family fund is being established through the Mayor's Office: Donations can be made to:

Families of Kleen Energy Tragedy c/o MiddConn Federal Credit Union, 213 Court Street, Middletown, CT 06457. Telephone: (860)638-5360. Donations can be sent directly the credit union or through the Mayor's Office.